

QRP HF Transmitter      £185.  
100 W CW Transmitter   £315.  
2 kW Linear               £675.

and their top quality transceiver HW 101 comparable to the FT 101 and is priced at £520.

There is a wide range of quality test gear in kit form and also just about everything for the computer man.

For those whose training must be done at home or require extra studies to supplement their normal training, Heathkit manufactures a range of private study courses, consisting of books, tapes and practical components and equipment.

As I said earlier these are all well designed kits, using top quality components (even if they are a little ancient in styling) although they are not cheap.

This mini survey of kit suppliers is designed to whet the appetite of the would-be builder and in no way forms a comprehensive list of suppliers.

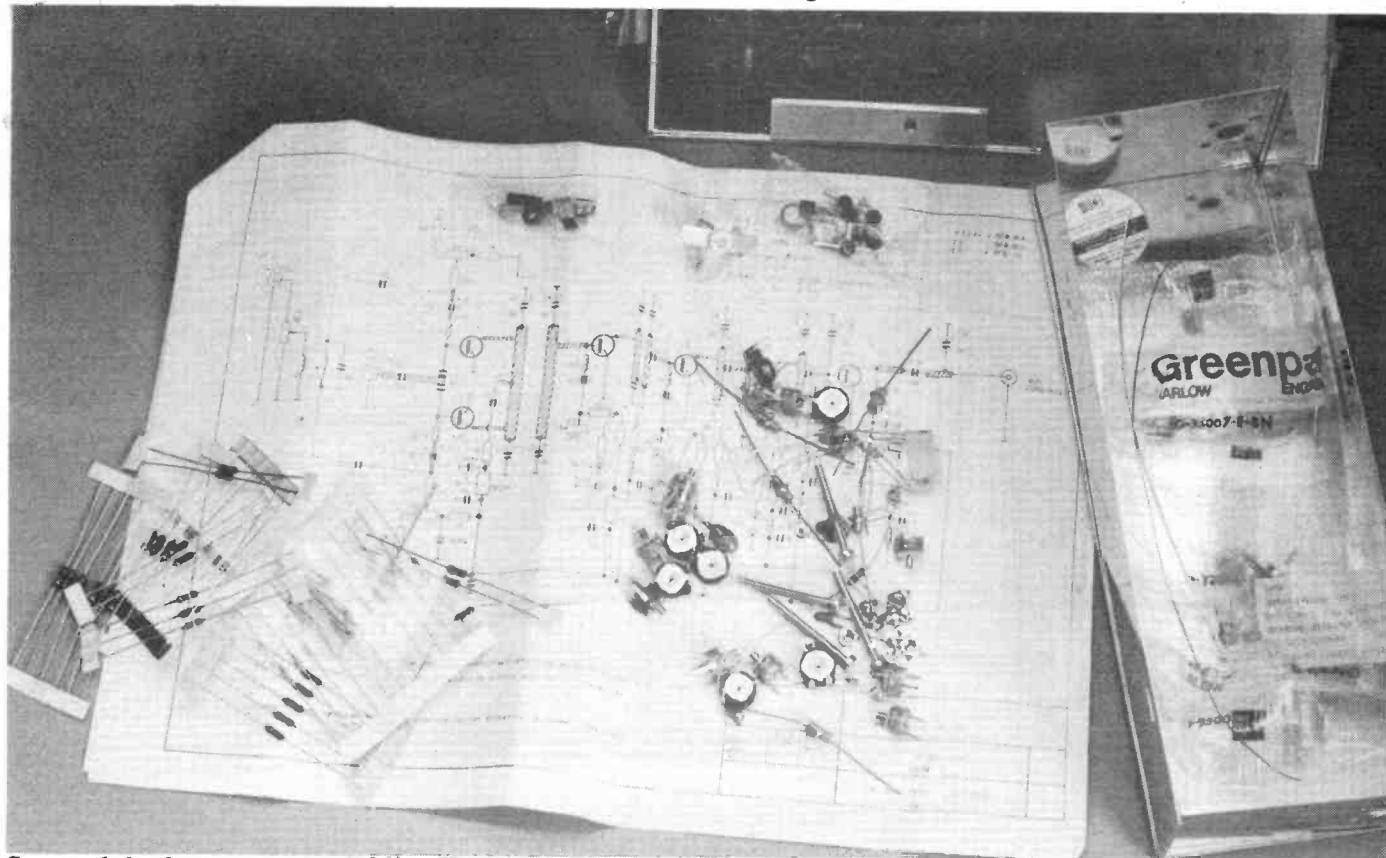
For the beginner a soldering iron, wire cutters and screwdriver are possibly all the tools required to get the majority of kits into operation. The construction of the simpler kits, forms good basic training in soldering techniques and learning colour codes etc. ●

It may not look as prepossessing as a shiny overpriced black box from the shelf but these modules before assembly represent a 23cm high performance station for well under £200



We believe in kits enough to put them to the test. Keith Smith G3TLB, a well known voice around Crowborough in Sussex, is to be the Ham Radio Today guinea pig. We've bought Keith a complete 23cm amateur television (and other modes) transverter system, a kit distributed in this country by Piper Communications and one of the most advanced designs around.

By his own admission G3TLB is not a whizz-kid with a soldering iron. He is competent and certainly not stupid and probably represents a typical challenge for the kit designer. He is going to let us know how he progresses in prose versed in his own inimitable style. The last time I spoke to him he was muttering dark things about the English translation of the German instructions. He was also moaning about having to file out slots in the PCB for chip capacitors. It should be an interesting series.



Some of the bits are quite fiddly. This is just one of the modules of the 23cm transverter system before assembly